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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Security Officer

29 March 1956

SUBJECT : Briefing to Key HIAUTOMAT Personnel

REFERENCE : Memorandum for Project Director, dated 27 March 1956, from  
[REDACTED] re above subject (SAFC-4798)

1. I refer to the attached request for permission to brief key HIAUTOMAT personnel on certain aspects of Project AQUATONE.

2. My own reaction is that the number of individuals whom it is proposed to brief is somewhat excessive. Nevertheless, I have already expressed my agreement in principle with the briefing of those senior staff members of HIAUTOMAT who have a real need to know and whose knowledge of AQUATONE will make for better over-all security. Accordingly, I request that you satisfy yourself presumably through discussion with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], the HIAUTOMAT Security Officer, as to the number of individuals who fall into this category and then authorize on my behalf the briefing of those individuals. I would appreciate if you would advise me of the action taken.

3. I believe you might work out with [REDACTED] an accelerated procedure for clearing individuals for knowledge of AQUATONE. My suggestion is that all requests for authority to clear additional individuals be submitted to you and that you then pass them to the Deputy Project Director or to me with your recommendations. This will speed matters and will serve the interest of all concerned.

SIGNED

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.  
Project Director

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